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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Matthew Heneghan

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6,8-12,14-18,20-22 and 24-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6,8-12,14-18,20-22 and 24-31 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 14 June 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. In response to the previous office action, claims 1-3, 5, 8, 12, 14-16, 20, 22, and 24-31 have been amended and claims 7, 13, 19, and 23 have been cancelled. Claims 1-6, 8-12, 14-18, 20-22, and 24-31 have been examined.

Drawings

2. The drawings were received on 21 June 2005. These drawings are acceptable.

Claim Objections

3. In view of Applicant's amendments, all previous claim objections are withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

4. Claims 1, 4-6, 8-12, 14, 17, 18, 20, 22, and 24-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Each claim teaches solely to the abstract manipulation of data.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1-6, 8-12, 14-18, 20-22, and 24-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over WIPO Patent Publication No. 99/48296 to Shamoon et al. in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0016851 to Gramsamer et al.

As per claims 1-3, 8-12, 14-16, 20, 22, and 24-31 Shamoon discloses a streaming media system that includes a control block containing data from a Control Stream that is watermarked (i.e. combined into raw data) into audio and visual streams (see p. 7, lines 23-26). The Control is an IPMP (Intellectual Property Management and Protection) component (see p. 4, line 27 and p.5, lines 6-9 and p.21, lines 23-27) of an MPEG-4 stream (see column 4, lines 21-22) that includes rules governing use of intellectual property (see p.12, line 11 to p. 19, line 5).

Shamoon does not disclose the use of a data field in the intellectual property information that is related to patent details.

Gramsamer discloses an archiving and retrieval system wherein a Unique Identifier (UID) is watermarked into a document that denotes intellectual property information (see paragraph 12), with access policies are based upon the UID (see

paragraphs 21, 22, and 25), and suggests the creation of such data based upon a patent number and country (see paragraph 7), and suggests that this provides a means for retrieving millions of patents of various countries.

Therefore, it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the invention of Shamoon by including a UID indicative of patent information by country in the intellectual property information, as disclosed by Gramsamer, as this provides a means for retrieving millions of patents of various countries.

As per claim 4, 17, and 18, the audio and visual streams may be encrypted prior to combining with the control stream (see Shamoon, p.4, lines 28 and 32).

As per claim 5, cryptographic keys for encrypting the data streams are initially contained in the Control Stream before being utilized in the Control Block during decryption (see Shamoon, p.5, lines 8-9 and p. 9, line 30 to p. 10, line 12). Since symmetric keys, such as DES (see p.26, lines 17-19) may be used, the encryption and decryption keys are the same.

As per claim 6, the encoding means is also capable of using public-key signatures (see Shamoon, p. 18, lines 10-13).

As per claim 21, received video is displayed (see Shamoon, p. 6, 19-24).

Response to Arguments

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6. Regarding the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 101, Applicant's arguments filed 21 June 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The claims as presented do not necessarily teach to a machine, and constitute or employ functional descriptive material that is not tangibly embodied. The claims are therefore still non-statutory.

7. Regarding the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103, Applicant's arguments filed 21 June 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Shamoan discloses a use of IPMP for any type of intellectual property information (copyrights, patents, trademarks, etc.), while Gransamer specifically teaches to the use of such information regarding patents. In combination, they teach to the use of patent information in IPMP fields as claimed.

Conclusion

8. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not

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mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew E. Heneghan, whose telephone number is (571) 272-3834. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Eastern Time.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory Morse, can be reached at (571) 272-3838.

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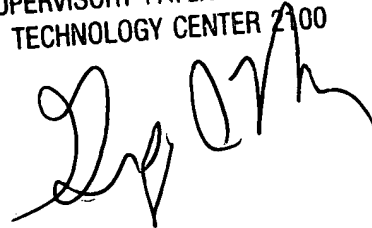
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Morse', is written over the printed name and title of Gregory Morse.